Dockets, files and records

Clerk.

SEC. 16. There shall be dockets, files and records of all proceedings in said court, conforming as nearly as possible to the records of the proceedings in the Superior Courts; and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Rowan County shall, *ex officio*, perform duties and receive emoluments in the Rowan County Court similar to the duties performed and emoluments received in the Superior Court.

Trial justice.

Election of trial justice.

Term of office.

Oath of office.

Salary.

Justice may practice in other courts.

Substitute

Compensation of substitute.

Prosecuting attorney. Qualifications, election and term. Duty.

Vacancies.

Sec. 17. Said court shall be presided over by a trial justice. who shall be learned in law, of good moral character, and who shall be at the time of his election and qualification an elector in and for Rowan County. Said trial justice shall be elected by the people of said county at the same time and in the same manner as other county officers are elected. He shall hold office for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified, but he shall not be eligible for two terms in succession. His first full term shall begin on the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and ten. His appointment for the term between the date when this act goes into effect and the said first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and ten, shall be as hereinafter provided. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall take and subscribe an oath of office, as is now provided by law for Judges of the Superior Court, and shall file the same with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Rowan County, and said clerk shall duly record the same. Said trial justice shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per year, payable in equal mouthly

Sec. 18. The said trial justice shall not by reason of his office be prohibited from practicing the profession of an attorney at law in the other courts of this State, except as to matters connected with or growing out of said county court.

installments by Rowan County.

Sec. 19. When the trial justice is unable to preside over said court, on account of sickness, absence or other cause, said trial justice shall appoint some other person learned in law, with the same qualifications as provided for the trial justice, to act as substitute trial justice, with all the powers and duties of the trial justice. The compensation of said substitute trial justice shall be paid by the trial justice.

Sec. 20. In addition to the officers above provided, there shall be a prosecuting attorney for said Rowan County Court, whose qualifications, election and term of office shall be the same as provided for the trial justice. It shall be the duty of the said prosecuting attorney to see that warrants, subpœnas and other processes are issued for the proper apprehension and trial of all violators of the law in Rowan County, and to represent the State of North Carolina in the trial of all criminal actions brought before said court and faithfully and diligently prosecute the same.

Sec. 21. Any vacancy occurring in the office of trial justice or prosecuting attorney shall be filled by the Governor of North Carolina.